

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

In the Office Action, claims 5-8 and 13-16 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, new claim 17 has been added and includes the substantive recitations from previous claims 1 and 5; new claim 20 has been added and includes the substantive claim limitations of previous claims 1 and 8; new claim 21 has been added and includes the substantive claim limitations of claims 9 and 13; and new claim 24 has been added and includes the substantive claim limitations of claims 9 and 16.

With regard to claims 6, 7, 14, and 15, it is believed that new claims 18, 19, 22, and 23 should be allowed for the same reasons as the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 6, 7, 14, and 15, respectively, for the following reasons.

Original dependent claim 6 recited transmitting a number of consecutive non-update packets not containing data indicating said context, wherein the total number of update and non-update packets transmitted during a context update phase is set according to the round trip time. New claim 18 differs from the language of original claims 1 and 6, but recites transmitting a sequence of a number of packets comprising a number of update packets, which update said context, and a number of non-update packets, which do not update said context; determining a packet round trip time; and setting the number of update packets and non-update packets in said sequence according to the round trip time. Accordingly, it is believed that claim 18 should be allowed for the same reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 6.

The features discussed above in new method claim 18 are present with appropriate wording in apparatus claim 22. Accordingly, it is believed that new apparatus claim 22 should be allowed for the same reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter in original claim 14. Also, dependent claims 19 and 23, which depend on claims 18 and 22, respectively, and include the substantive limitations of claims 7 and 15, respectively, should be allowed for the same reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7 and 15.

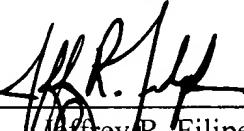
In view of the above, it is submitted that new claims 17-24 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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